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RE: Sauget Area 2, Site Q
Time Critical Removal Action

Dear Leslie:

This is in response to your March 10, 1999 letter (the letter states that the date is February 10, 1999) concerning Eagle Marine's status as an innocent landowner of Site Q. Your letter very generally states that USEPA believes that Eagle Marine cannot substantiate its claim as an innocent landowner, but does not include any reasons supporting EPA's belief.

Eagle Marine has set forth in significant detail why it very firmly believes that it is an innocent landowner. We would appreciate receiving, as soon as possible, a detailed letter explaining, based upon both facts and applicable law, why EPA believes Eagle Marine cannot substantiate its claim that it is an innocent landowner. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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